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[FB001-F] Edison, Marion E. (1887-1888)

Family Records Series -- Correspondence

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[FB001-F] Edison, Marion E. (1887-1888)

Description
This folder contains letters by Marion Estelle Edison (1873-1965), the daughter of Thomas Edison and his first wife, Mary Stilwell. The earliest letters, dating from 1887-1888, relate to Marion's education at the Bradford Academy in Massachusetts. Numerous other letters were written during her tour of Europe in 1889-1892. In addition to letters from Marion to her father and stepmother, there is correspondence by Sarah W. Brigham, her tutor and traveling companion in 1889, and by Elizabeth F. Earl, who replaced Miss Brigham in 1890. There are also references to the sisters of Mina Miller Edison—Jennie, Mary, and Grace—who initially accompanied Marion on her travels. Among the topics discussed in the letters are Marion's impressions of the various countries she visited; her strained relations with Jennie Miller; her contraction of smallpox in Dresden at the beginning of 1890; her self-consciousness about the scars left by the disease; her encounter with explorer Henry Stanley and Edward, Price of Wales in Cannes in the spring of 1890; and her desire that her brothers Tom Jr. and Will join her in Europe so that she can "make amends" for having been "most cold and selfish towards them." The letters from 1891-1892 include numerous references to Charlie Levison (Charles Horace Granville Levison of Norfolk County), a wealthy Englishman to whom Marion was briefly engaged. A July 1894 letter from German army officer Oscar Oeser formally seeks Edison's permission to marry his daughter.

Additional letters by Marion Edison can be found in the Charles Edison Fund Collection. One other item from 1894 can be found the David E. E. Sloane Collection.

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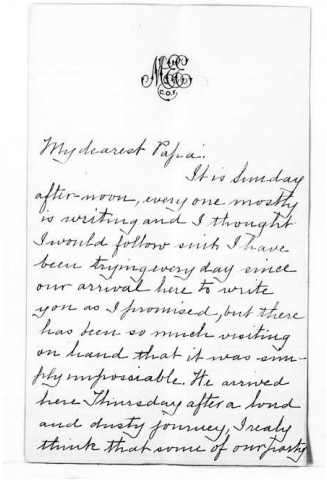

My dearest Papa.
It is Sunday afternoon, every one mostly is writing and I thought I would follow suit. I have been trying every day since our arrival here to write you as I promised, but there has been so much visiting on hand that it was simply impossible. We arrived here Thursday after a hard and dusty journey, I really think that some of our party

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[FB001AAA], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Thomas Alva Edison, April 24th, 1887

Title
[FB001AAA], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Thomas Alva Edison, April 24th, 1887

Editor's Notes
Signed "George." Just arrived in Ohio. Been trying to write you as promised, but so much visiting made it impossible; got here Thursday after hard journey; stopped at Lake Wier and Jacksonville; Mina must have told you about our trip; Sat. went to Canton to see Robert & Louise; Louise was charming hostess; Auntie Clark is visiting, seems feeble; glad Mr. Miller makes son take medicine every day; good thing you didn't come with us; it's so cold; haven't started studies, but expect to tomorrow if Miss McWilliams arrives; Mina is hurt you haven't written her after she wrote you four times; "you ought to write her very often if you don't intend having a cyclone soon."; "All congratulate you upon shooting at a dead aligator."

Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- McWilliams, Sarah
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Grace A
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- McCarthy, Lena, (Mrs Michael Doyle)

Date
1887-04-24

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Education

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My dearest Papa.

It is Sunday after-noon, every one mostly is writing and I thought I would follow suit. I have been trying every day since our arrival here to write you as I promised, but there has been so much visiting on hand that it was simply impossiable. We arrived here Thursday after a hard and dusty journey, I realy think that some of our party

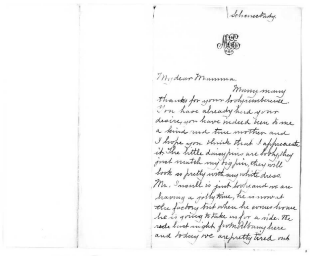
would have died before we got here if we had not stopped over at Lake Wier and Jacksonville. I suppose Mina must have told you all about our trip so there is little left for me to tell but I will endevor to tell you what we have been doing since our arrival. Saturday we all went down to Leanora to see Robert & Louise. I think their house is very pretty indeed but it does not in my estimation come up to Ira's although several out of mine like it better. Louise made a charming hostess and seems to be very happy. Auntie Blark (Mrs. Blark you remember her.) is visiting at Robs. she seems very feeble and it is really painful to look at her. I am glad to hear that Mr. Miller makes his little son ~~that~~ take his medicine everyday. You may well be glad that you did not come north with us, it is as cold as any Iceburg here and the trees have hardly commenced to bud yet, I think if it keeps on very long you had better buy your tickets for July. I have not commenced to study yet but expect to tomorrow morning if Mina

Mr. Williams gets here in time from Canton where she has been staying since Thursday. She told me before she went that I must have all my visiting with Grace over by Monday and that I must try and do as well up here as I had done at Myers. You see darling Papa we in this world always have a little sweet with the bitter. Mina feels rather hurt that you have not written her, she says she has written you four letters and has not had an answer to any of them. please for my sake do not tell her that I said any thing about it but I realy think you aught to write her very often if you dont intend having a cyclone soon. Well dear Papa I am afraid my stock of news is nearly exausted so I will close my hasty letter. Mina is down stairs writting to you so you will just get ours together. All congratulate you upon shooting at a dead alligator. Blanche, Mrs. Miller and Gracie send love to you and to Mr. Miller also accept love from me to him and to yourself Tell Lena to be a good girl

and tell Jack to study
hard. With bushels + bushels
of love and hoping to hear
from you soon I remain
as ever your true and affection
ate daughter

George.

April 24th 1887.



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[FB001AAB], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 21st, 1887

Title
[FB001AAB], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 21st, 1887

Editor's Notes
"You have indeed been to me a kind and true mother and I hope you think that I appreciate it."; "Mr. Insull is just holy and we are having a jolly time;" he's at the factory but will take me for a ride later; rode last night from Albany and are "pretty tired"; Mr. Reimer sends regards to you and TAE; after Sunday write to Akron.

Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Reimer, Josephine Stucky (Mrs Henry C.F.)
- Insull, Samuel
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1887-07-21

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)

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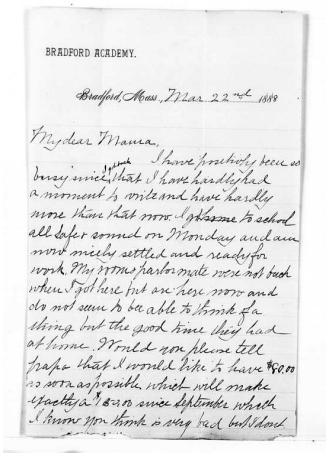
My dear Mamma.

Many, many thanks for your kind remembrance. You have already had your desire, you have indeed been to me a kind and true mother and I hope you think that I appreciate it. The little daisy pins are lovely, they just match my big pin, they will look so pretty with my white dress. Mr. Mould is just lovely and we are having a jolly time, he is now at the factory but when he comes home he is going to take us for a ride. We rode last night from Albany here and today we are pretty tired out

and I have a sort of headache so you will excuse this short and badly written note. Mrs. Reimer sends her best regards to you and Papa and hopes you are well. Give my love to papa and keep a good share for yourself. I think you had better write here, if you write before Sunday if after Sunday to Akron.

Your loving daughter
Marion.

July 21st 1867


BRADFORD ACADEMY.

Bradford, Mass., Mar 22nd 1888

My dear Mama,

I have positively been so busy since that I have hardly had a moment to write and have hardly more than that now. I got to school all safe and sound on Monday and am now nicely settled and ready for work. My room & parlor mate ? Not such when I got here but am here now and do not seem to be able to think of a thing but the good time they had at home. Would you please tell papa that I would like to have $90.00 as soon as possible which will make exactly a $180.00 since September which I know you think is very bad but I don't. Give my love to Bpar ? Boys and accept? Lot of love from me for yourself and you will come through all right. Write soon to your loving daughter,

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[FB001AAC], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 22nd, 1888

Title
[FB001AAC], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 22nd, 1888

Editor's Notes
[from Bradford] My dear Mama, I have positively been so busy since I got back that I have hardly had a moment to write and have hardly more than that now. I got to school all safe and sound on Monday and am now nicely settled and ready for work. My room & parlor mate ? Not such when I got here but am here now and do not seem to be able to think of a thing but the good time they had at home. Would you please tell papa that I would like to have $90.00 as soon as possible which will make exactly a $180.00 since September which I know you think is very bad but I don't. Give my love to Bpar ? Boys and accept? Lot of love from me for yourself and you will come through all right. Write soon to your loving daughter,

Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Bradford Academy
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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1888-03-22

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education

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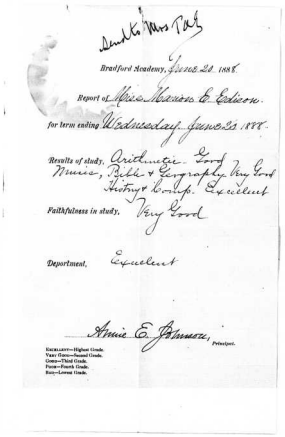
BRADFORD ACADEMY.

Bradford, Mass., Mar 22nd 1888

My dear Mama,

I have positively been so busy since 1st o'clock that I have hardly had a moment to write and have hardly more than that now. I got home to school all safe & sound on Monday and am now nicely settled and ready for work. My room & parlor mate were not back when I got here but are here now and do not seem to be able to think of a thing but the good time they had at home. Would you please tell Papa that I would like to have $60.00 as soon as possible which will make exactly a $100.00 since September which I know you think is very bad but I dont

Give my love to Papa, boys and
accept lots of love from me for yourself
Take the best of care of yourself & you
will come through all right. write
soon to your loving daughter
J Vernon.



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[FB001AAD], Report from Bradford Academy, Annie Elizabeth Johnson, June 20th, 1888

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Editor's Notes
Bradford Academy, June 20 1888 ##Report of Mrss Marion Edison for term ending Wednesday June 20 1888 Results of study, Arithmetic, Good Music, Bible & Geography Very Good History & Comp Excellent Faithfulness in study, Very Good Deportment Excellent Excellent--Highest Grade Very Good--Second Grade Good-Third Grade Poor--Fourth Grade Bad--Lowest Grade

Author

- Johnson, Annie Elizabeth
- Bradford Academy

Mentioned

- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1888-06-20

Type
Report

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education

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Bradford Academy, June 20 1888.

Report of Miss Marion E Edison.

for term ending Wednesday June 23 1888.

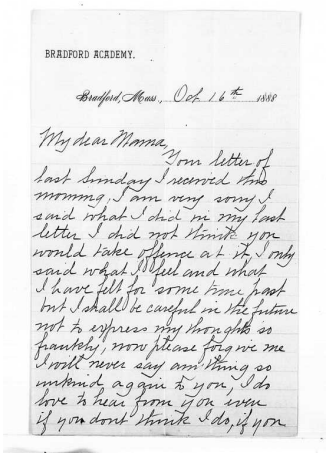
Results of study, Arithmetic Good
Music, Bible & Geography Very Good
History & Comp. Excellent

Faithfulness in study, Very Good

Department, Excellent

Annie E. Johnson, Principal.

EXCELLENT—Highest Grade.
VERY GOOD—Second Grade.
GOOD—Third Grade.
POOR—Fourth Grade.
BAD—Lowest Grade.


BRADFORD ACADEMY.

Bradford, Mass., Oct. 16th 1888

My dear Mama,

Your letter of last Sunday I received this morning, I am very sorry I said what I did in my last letter. I did not think you would take offence at it, I only said what I feel and what I have felt for some time past but I shall be careful in the future not to express my thoughts so frankly, now please, forgive me. I will never say anything so unkind again to you, I do love to hear from you even if you don't think I do, if you only knew how badly it has made me feel because you have written so seldom this year so far. I received my box this morning, it will be very serviceable I think for I have been very much troubled with mice also another kind of mouse who seem very fond of money ut as I can now lock up my money in the box I am rid of both kinds of mice, I took my first elocution lesson last night. I think I sahll enjoy them very much, I think that Mrs. Ireson is perfectly lovly and seems to take a great interest in me, she spoke of having received a letter from you, she told me to give you and baby her love when I next wrote. Please Mama dear forgive me and I will never say anything mean & I am with Love, M.

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[FB001AAE], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 16th, 1888

Title
[FB001AAE], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 16th, 1888

Editor's Notes
[Bradford Academy] Your letter of last Sunday I received this morning, I am very sorry I said what I did in my last letter. I did not think you would take offence at it, I only said what I feel and what I have felt for some time past but I shall be careful in the future not to express my thoughts as frankly, now please, forgive me. I will never say anything so unkind again to you, I do love to hear from you even if you don't think I do, if you only knew how badly it has made me feel because you have written so seldom this year so far. I received my box this morning, it will be very serviceable I think for I have been very much troubled with mice also another kind of mouse who seem very fond of money ut as I can now lock up my money in the box I am rid of both kinds of mice, I took my first elocution lesson last night. I think I sahll enjoy them very much, I think that Mrs. Ireson is perfectly lovly and seems to take a great interest in me, she spoke of having received a letter from you, she told me to give you and baby her love when I next wrote. Please Mama dear forgive me and I will never say anything mean & I am with Love, M.

Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Bradford Academy
- Ireson, Jennie E
- Edison, Madeleine

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- Edison-Miller family
- Education

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BRADFORD ACADEMY.

Bradford, Mass., Oct 16th 1888

My dear Mama,

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